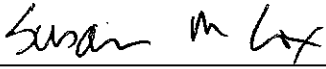


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PURPOSE

The ACGME requires that information regarding the effects of leaves of absence on completion of the residency program and on eligibility for certification by the relevant certifying board(s) is made available to residents.

PROCEDURE

Residents should be aware that graduation from residency and Board certification depends on the completion of a specified amount of training. Extended absences from the program may require additional time and training. In general, leave exceeding one month in duration will result in an extension of the resident's training. For more information regarding the specific training requirements for the resident's particular program, the resident should contact their Program Director.

Certifying Boards vary in their requirements regarding the effect of leaves of absence taken—for any reason—during residents' training on their eligibility and timing for board certification. Residents and fellows should access the specific relevant information from their certifying boards, available on the attached PDF taken from the AMA: Graduate Medical Education Library.